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## Reply Comment Deadline Extended in Low Power FM - FM Translator Rule Making

New NPRM Reply Comment Date: September 27, 2011

On July 12, 2011, the Commission adopted and released a Third Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making in the Matter of Creation of a Low Power Radio Service; Amendment of Service and Eligibility Rules for FM Broadcast Translator Stations. The Media Bureau ("Bureau") announced that comments and reply comments were due by August 29, 2011, and September 12, 2011, respectively. The Bureau subsequently extended those dates to September 6, 2011, and September 20, 2011, respectively, due to the disruptions of business and communications resulting from Hurricane Irene.

On September 15, 2011, the Bureau received a request for a one-week extension of the reply comment deadline based on the number of comments filed and the extensive technical exhibits submitted with several comments, as well as the involvement of counsel for several commenting parties in the NAB Radio Show in Chicago in the week prior to September 20, 2011.<sup>4</sup> The Bureau finds that these circumstances justify a one-week extension of the comment period. We therefore extend the deadline for filing reply comments to the *Third Further Notice* to September 27, 2011.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> MB Docket No. 99-25; MM Docket No. 07-172; RM-11338, Third Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making, FCC 11-105 (rel. July 12, 2011) ("Third Further Notice").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Media Bureau Announces Comment Deadlines In Low Power Fm - Fm Translator Rule Making And Release Of Spectrum Availability Program, Public Notice, 2011 WL 3279267, DA 11-1328 (MB 2011).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> See Comment Deadline Extended in Low Power FM – FM Translator Rule Making, Public Notice, DA 11-1467 (MB rel. Aug. 29, 2011).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> See Motion for Extension of Time filed by the National Association of Broadcasters and the Educational Media Foundation on September 15, 2011 (with a statement that Prometheus Radio Project, Edgewater Broadcasting, Inc. and Radio Assist Ministry, Inc. do not object to the requested extension).